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Prop 19 sparks up statewide debate



David Genovese, owner of the San Jose Patients Group medical marijuana dispensary, displays a hybrid pot plant on Monday evening.

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UPD aims to keep King Library secure for patrons

KELSEY HILARIO

Staff Writer

The University Police Department at SJSU has made more than 75 arrests in the King Library since Jan. 1, 2010, according to Lt. Frank Belcastro.

Two police officers are assigned to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library as well as security officers, he said.

The budget cuts that have affected other parts of SJSU did not require University Police to cut down on security in the library, he said.

King Library is open from

9 a.m. to midnight and only SJSU faculty and students are allowed access during extended hours after 9 p.m. on weekdays with a Tower Card.

According to the UPD website, an estimated 7,100 people visit the King Library daily.

Belcastro said theft has continued to be the biggest problem the University Police have dealt with thus far into the semester.

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Welcome Center to move to Student Services

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Incoming students to SJSU may find it easier to navigate the campus after the new welcome center is up and running.

Deanna Gonzales, SJSU director of admissions and recruitment, said she is heading the student outreach and recruitment department that will be overseeing the new welcome center that will be located next to the student services center.

Cyndi Benavides, a former student and a former employee of the center said the previous welcome center located in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library was closed and consolidated and she was laid off because of budget cuts.

"Before, we would do tours with middle school and high school students and now it is mostly families who request tours," she said.

The main desk for student outreach and recruitment is currently located in the Student Services Center.

Its website offers prospective students the opportunity to schedule a tour, request pre-admission counseling, apply online and learn more about special events and programs hosted by SJSU.

Gonzales said she feels the previous welcome center was inconveniently located and is excited about the opening of the new location.

"I think it is a wonderful opportunity for students who come to campus to see that everything that they will be dealing with is under one roof and have access to other resources such as financial aid and academic counseling," she said.

As of now, Gonzales said she is not certain when the center will open, but that it is scheduled to open by the end of the semester.

Senior psychology major Leonna Davis-Ross said she came to SJSU as a transfer student and although she did not use the welcome center she said it is still a crucial resource for incoming freshman.

"It is definitely an important aspect for students who are coming who know nothing about our campus, to give them helpful facts and tips," Davis-Ross said. "It is better than reading a brochure. You can actually get a live tour."

Billy Ray Hayes, a senior criminal justice studies major, said he thinks that campus tours are key in attracting people to SJSU.

"On-campus tours are really important because most people choose schools based on how they look," he said.

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Officer Paul Marshall cites a man for petty theft on Wednesday Sept. 29 outside On Fourth Cafe.

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Students can take a load off with lockers

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Students seeking a way to take some weight off their backs between classes have the option to store their belongings in on-campus lockers.

According to the Student Union Event Services website, lockers can be rented on campus for a fee, but the SJSU School of Art and Design website states that other lockers, depending on a student's courses, are available at no charge.

Elizabeth Quintana, the art department office manager, said lockers in the Art building are available for a full academic year, free of charge.

However, she said the lockers are not available to everyone.

"They have to show proof that they are enrolled in at least two art classes to get a locker, whether they are art majors or not," she said.

According to a representative at the Student Union information desk, students not taking courses in one of the handful of academic colleges that provide free use of lockers have the alternative of paying to use a locker in the sport club or the Student Union, which also includes lockers specifically for bowlers.

Semester-long locker rentals are available for \$40 per semester in the fall and spring and \$10 during summer and winter sessions, not including a \$20 refundable key deposit, said Malysa Caharian, a junior business administration major who works as a scheduling assistant at Student Union Event Services.

Additionally, short-term day-to-day locker rentals can be purchased at the Student Union for 50 cents.

Senior art major Michael Dillon said it was not fair for students to have to carry their stuff around while art majors get a free locker to put their things in.

"They'd have to pay forty bucks just to store things in a locker," he said. "We pay so much money for tuition and everything. They might as well let us have free lockers. They should try to work out a way to incorporate lockers in every building."

Josephine Porter, a senior graphic design major, said she understands why some students get lockers for free while others do not.

"This isn't high school," she said. "(The lockers) ... are in the middle (of campus) and can be for anybody."

Jonathan Festejo, a senior business finance major, said it was fair for certain students to be provided with free lockers if they require them, but unfair to charge a high amount for locker rentals among students who do not qualify for free lockers.

Priority should be given to students who really need the lockers, he said.

"For some majors, they don't really need them," said Matt Rosario, a senior health science major. "It's just a convenience to have on them on campus. Some people have their own cars, so they leave stuff in their cars."

He said he doesn't think it's that big of a deal.

"We're kind of paying for the convenience of having a locker on campus," Dillon said. "But forty bucks is kind of a lot."



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Lockers in the Art building are available free of charge for students who have met the requirements.

Google to seek business graduates for training

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While visiting campus on Oct. 14, Google plans to recruit students from the College of Business for a two-year training program, said Google's global communications and public affairs representative.

"We are looking for people who are willing to tackle the big challenges and come up with innovative solutions — people who think outside the box," Jordan Newman said. "We definitely want people who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty."

The Internal Technology Residency Program incorporates about 30 graduates and is designed to teach recruits how to support the technology and software systems used by Google employees, according to the program's website.

"We were very selective," Newman said. "At the end of the two years, there is always the possibility that (participants) will be converted into full-time employees."

Applications are only available to graduating seniors in the management information systems department, with interviews for those selected being held on Oct. 22, said department chair Timothy Hill.

"This is an exceptional program offered by the absolute world leader in technology, now and for the foreseeable future," Hill said. "It is really a golden opportunity

for our graduates."

Junior accounting major Sarah Allen said she is glad Google will recruit from SJSU in the future.

"Having an opportunity like this will open tons of doors for grads," she said. "Being able to put Google on your resume when you've only been out of school for a few years — that's awesome."

The business department was honored last spring when four graduates were recruited for the program, Hill said.

According to an SJSU press release, the four students selected included Alex Khajehtoorian, Kobi Laredo, Marcos Ramirez and Ed Saucedo, all 2010 graduates from the management information systems department.

Of the students that were hired, Hill said two were members of the honors program and the entire group was highly distinguished among faculty.

"We are extremely proud," he said. "We think (their employment) says volumes about the kind of program we've built and the quality of graduates we're turning out."

Hill said the department emphasizes a combination of skills in business and technology, enabling graduates to understand how organizations function in addition to the technology tools that are used.

"This makes students ideal for helping companies like Google use technology strategically to do things cheaper, better and faster and thereby gain and maintain a competitive edge," he said.

Hill said the recruitment process is long, starting with résumé-building workshops and mock interviews customized toward employment with Google.

While SJSU was one of several Bay Area universities that were included in the recruitment effort, Newman said the relationship with Google began when it col-

“The grads that were chosen are obviously some of the best at what they do or Google wouldn't have hired them.”

ANNIE PHUONG
Junior business management major

laborated with the Career Center to target graduating students for employment.

Several Google representatives then held an informational meeting with members of the department, during which Hill said students got the opportunity to learn about the program and

the representatives encouraged them to apply.

About 40 students attended the first meeting, specifically pulled out of the management information systems department of the College of Business, and he said four of them were hired, 10 percent of the total.

Hill said Google requested that other students from the department attend the upcoming informational meeting to spread the word for future graduates in the major.

According to the website, the program launched last month and is divided into three areas — training and development, front-line support and internal rotation.

The website states that the first section will equip participants with the skills they need to complete the program, while the front-line support portion will expose them to Google's systems. The internal rotation segment will consist of recruits working in a different Google office outside of the Mountain View headquarters for about three months.

"They will travel to one of many offices around the world to get a sense of Google culture and life in another office," Newman said.

Julia Baron, a freshman business management major, said the program seems like a great start for graduates trying to break into the industry.

"Google is a major powerhouse and it's great that graduates from our program are experiencing the working environment there," she said.

"It feels great to be part of a college that has been honored by one of the biggest companies out there."

Annie Phuong, a junior business management major, said the students who were picked should feel honored.

"Being one of four students selected out of a group of 40 is a big deal," she said. "The grads that were chosen are obviously some of the best at what they do or Google wouldn't have hired them."

Out of the many job skills graduates possess, New-

man said Google looks for problem solvers who have taken challenging courses and proven themselves to be leaders in both academic and extracurricular aspects.

Junior marketing major Adam Ramirez said he thinks students should take advantage of the opportunity to be part of a program like this.

"No matter how you look at it, anyone who goes in to this program is going to learn something," he said. "They will come out on the other side better equipped to take on the working world."

LIBRARY

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"Students or other visitors to the library sometimes leave laptops and wallets on desks or on a table and walk away to go look for a book," he said. "And we have opportunist thieves and suspects that come in looking for that and they will take it."

Along with theft, arrests have been made for a variety of other things, including lewd behavior, outstanding warrants and wanted crimes, Belcastro said.

Undeclared freshman Matthew Ealit works at "On Fourth — A Novel Cafe" in the King Library and said the only un-

usual thing he has seen this semester was a homeless man who was attempting to break dance outside the library.

Belcastro said everyone is welcome to the King Library — including homeless people — as long as they follow the rules.

The police officers that patrol the area do not discriminate against anyone, he said.

"During the day, there are people who come in and doze off, as do students when they are studying," Belcastro said. "We are not going to pick and choose. We must be even about what we are doing."

When Robert Mazique, a junior information systems major, is not studying in the King Library on Mondays and Wednesdays, he said he uses the peace

and quiet to catch up on sleep.

He said he has not noticed anything unusual or strange inside the King Library this semester but has noticed more police officers walking around and standing near library's entrances.

Belcastro said students should not be lulled into a false sense of security during the after-hours period when only SJSU faculty and students are allowed in the library.

"Students steal from students," he said. "Always take your property with you."

In addition to safety being a priority inside of the King Library, police escorts are available for students and faculty who leave the library at night and are walking to a dorm room, parking garage or up to one block off of campus.

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App offers mobile library services

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Students no longer have to walk to the library or sit behind a computer screen to search for a book because access to the library was just made easier through a new application by the San Jose Public Library system.

The library system has set up its own phone application, which should not be confused with the University library app created specifically for iPhones, said Sarah Houghton-Jan, the digital futures manager for the library system.

She said the application was designed to give students and the public complete access to everything within the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library — articles, database, catalogs and the ability to chat with a librarian.

“Other libraries have developed it for iPhones specifically and we didn’t really like that idea because we want this to be accessible to everyone equally, regardless what company that you choose,” Houghton-Jan said.

Anthony Chau, a senior business management major, said since everyone has a cell phone it’s a faster way to check the library status.

“It’s more efficient,” he said. “You don’t have to look on the website.”

Cell phone users can download the app online at sjpl.boopsie.com or through the iTunes app store for free, Houghton-Jan said.

She said the app was released a month ago and has drawn the most attention from Apple and Android users.

Janelle Estournes, a senior nutritional science major, said she doesn’t have an iPhone and the screen to her phone is not big enough so she would

not use it, preferring to use her computer instead. “A lot of people do own iPhones and use their phones and if they didn’t have access to a computer, but needed information right away, then it would be beneficial to have,” she said.

Houghton-Jan said people who are out and about browsing for textbooks are logging on to their phones, checking the availability of books at the library.

“Some students have called in and said they save money on textbooks that way,” she said.

Kayla Martinez, a junior health science major, said she likes the idea of having quick access instead of going to the library.

“If I had a smart phone, I would definitely use it,” she said. “It would give me the advantage to see if they have a book available for me to use and I can get it faster than anyone else.”

Customers who have reviewed the application from the iTunes app store agree that it is convenient and makes it easier to access articles online.

“The only time I would use it is if I didn’t have my laptop on me because I think it’s much easier to read articles if you have a bigger screen,” said Anh Thu Nguyen, a senior nutritional science major.

Houghton-Jan said the San Jose Public Library system teamed up with the online company Boopsie to create the application.

“They built the technical infrastructure and we told them what content we wanted and we worked together,” she said.

Houghton-Jan said the next project the library is working on is how to store the library barcode on the phone so that it doesn’t actually need a card present.

“I think it gives you just quick access on the go, so that you don’t have to be sitting at a computer,” she said.

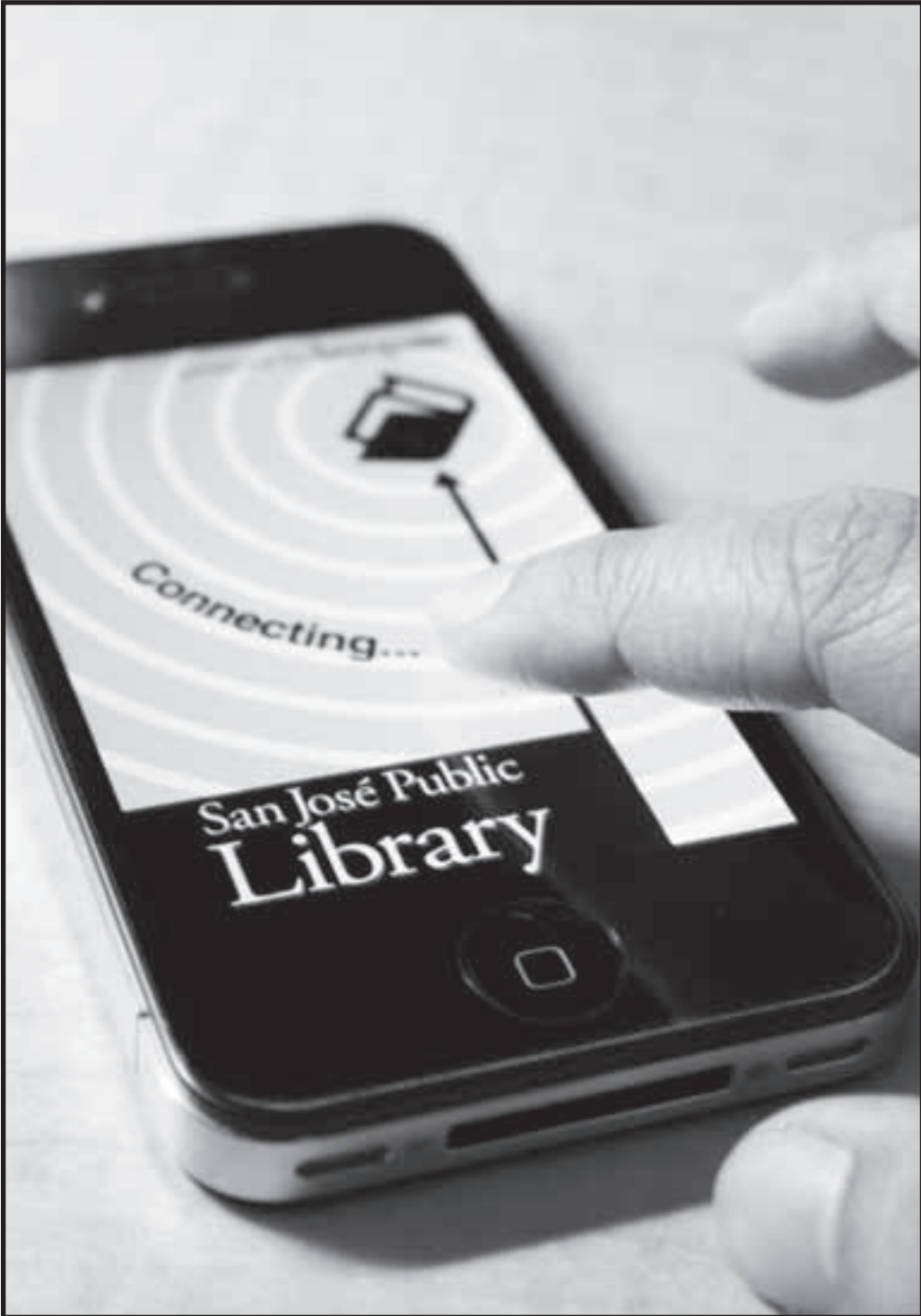


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The San Jose Public Library app allows students to browse book titles, check book availability and search articles.

Questions raised over search engine filter

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Staff Writer

There is a new type of search engine that filters out inappropriate content and helps those looking for more precise information without the addition of spam and on-line junk.

A “religious search engine” is an Internet search engine that only indexes religious content. Religious search engines are usually designed for people wanting to do research on specifically religious topics, stated Shea Houdmann, president and CEO of Got Questions Ministries, by e-mail.

As a Christian religious search engine, SeekFind.org (whose parent organization is Got Questions Ministries) filters out content such as porn, content that denigrates the Christian faith and content that presents religious viewpoints that contradict the teachings of the Bible. Search engines such as Google, Yahoo, and Bing will work just fine for people seeking results from a broader perspective, stated Houdmann.

Some of the results will come from atheists and Christianity-haters, but SeekFind avoids this by being very selective in the websites it includes in its search index, he stated.

“We believe there is plenty of room in the search engine landscape for search engines that are more focused/limited in nature than a Google, Yahoo, or Bing,” Houdmann stated. “As long as the different search engines are understood in regards to what sort of results they provide, they can all be useful tools.”

Molly Harcourt, a freshman nutritional science major, said she was Jewish and would love to use a religious search engine to look up Judaism.

“I think it can be beneficial for the specific religion you’re looking up,” she said.

Harcourt also said would possibly use these types of search engines for student

papers if the sources were reliable.

Kim Uhlik, an associate professor in hospitality, recreation and tourism management and an “avid techie” said if a religious search engine was designed by a specific religion, then it will reflect that religion’s values with filters to bring in content with specific keywords that filter out everything else.

He said such search engines are quite new but definitely use some sort of algorithm just like Google and Yahoo, who put millions of dollars into their algorithms, and still turn up junk.

David Taylor, an associate professor in computer science, said he really has no idea what a religious search engine is, and that he’s never thought of it.

However, he said he assumes that you can put a front-end filter on another search engine in which you sneak in a word you’re concerned about and then require the search to have this word in it.

Taylor said one can use whatever search algorithms a search engine such as Google would use and stick whatever religion you’re concerned about in the results.

“How algorithms work is with each page, it ranks the page by seeing how many other pages reference a page — a recursive thing,” he said. “If another page references me, then it must be important.”

For example, Taylor said a search for dogs would turn up Catholic dogs as a result if the search engine was Catholic.

“To my understanding, a religious search engine is an engine that filters out content that is inconsistent with the doctrine of a given religion, either by being directly contradictory with the terms of the religion or being deductively contradictory or inconsistent with the terms of the religion,” said philosophy professor Anand Jayprakash Vaidya.

Perhaps in some sense,

the religious filter(s) protects those people who are a part of the religion from seeing things that are inconsistent with their own views, he said.

“Is the religious filter somehow inconsistent with the idea of religious scrutiny through critical reflection, or is it something like the protective casing of how some parents are watching over their children and making sure they don’t see things they shouldn’t be seeing?” Vaidya said.

Christian Jochim, chair of the humanities department, said he finds this as a “marginal phenomenon.”

“It would be wrong to think it is having much effect, either negative or positive,” he said. “Potentially, it has the effect of creating even greater separation between religious fundamentalists and the larger U.S. society, which is not beneficial in my opinion.”

Junior Japanese major Joseph Consiglio said the implications are frightening in certain religious communities, but it varies depending on who is using religious search engines and why.

“My take on it is it depends on who’s using it, because I think depending on how you divide it, the religion could be abused to the point where it keeps people in the dark in aspects of their own religion or other religions,” he said.

Consiglio said it’s no better than common censorship for the sake of shaping people’s minds.

Brittany Chan, a senior behavioral science major, said she’s done research papers on abortion before and would have loved an online tool such as this to assist her in finding information.

Paul John LaPenia, a freshman civil engineering major, said he thinks some people need to be more open-minded.

“I think that they shouldn’t necessarily block off the sides of each religion and show pros and cons,” he said.



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Screenshot of seekfind.org, the “religious search engine” that only indexes religious content.

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Pot proposition polarizes California

The ballot initiative that would legalize marijuana has drawn criticism and support from around the state

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Staff Writer

A political science professor said Proposition 19 will be a controversial issue and will be just like controlling smoking cigarettes ... and there will be opposing views from both sides of the political spectrum regarding intervention and taxation.

Terry Christensen said this is a debatable subject that will have an effect on young people, commonly under 30, older conservatives and local governments.

On Nov. 2, the ballot measure No. 19 proposes to legalize marijuana and permit local governments to regulate and tax commercial production, distribution and sale of marijuana, according to the California Official Voter Information Guide website.

Campus smoking policy states, "Smoking is not permitted in or near any university building or in university vehicles. Smokers are requested to smoke at least 25 feet away from building entrances. Breezeways and similar structures are considered to be part of the footprint of the building, thus are non-smoking areas."

Why should it pass?

One supporter of the law is Mitchell Colbert, president of the Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) on the SJSU campus and regional director for the Yes On Prop 19 campaign in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey.

"SSDP mobilizes and empowers young people to participate in the political process, pushing for sensible policies to achieve a safer and more just future, while fighting back against counterproductive drug war policies, particularly those that directly harm students and youth," according to the Students for Sensible Drug Policy website.

Colbert said Proposition 19 would help bring an end to the drug war and cartels and would bring better monitoring of illegal marijuana usage.

In addition, a massive windfall of tax money would be returned after the release of nonviolent marijuana offenders, he said.

Eighty-thousand prisoners are incarcerated each year for possession alone, costing \$35,000 per inmate, he said.

The passage of this bill would bring about \$3 billion in savings for California — money currently being thrown away, Colbert said.

"Also, an estimated \$1 billion that would be generated in legalizing marijuana from sales," Colbert said. "But that's just legalizing marijuana ... in addition, Prop. 19 would also legalize hemp production."

Colbert said legalizing hemp could end our dependence on foreign oil, deal with global warming issues by supplying green bio fuels, and would generate tens of billions of dollars through the hemp industry.

"Think of the revenue it could bring in, it's so astronomically huge," he said.

Colbert said along with the legalization of marijuana, legalizing hemp would help decrease debt and job loss. It would create a stop-gap to prevent California from going into a double-dip recession, he said.

"I'm for it (Proposition 19) because it'll probably bring more revenue for the economy so it'll help us out," said junior engineering major Ryan Cristobal. "Even if it's a little bit it'll still help us in some way."

If Proposition 19 will help stop the violence in terms of drug dealers and cartels, Cristobal said, he expects a majority of older voters and new young voters to come out and vote.

Groups advocating the passing of the proposition aren't only the Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Colbert said.

Partnerships include Firedoglake (firedoglake.com), an online news website, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of California, Colbert said.

Adam Schafer, CEO of Eko Fresh, a local cannabis dispensary, said he hopes Proposition 19 passes because he said cannabis does wonders with its medicinal purpose.

He said the passing of the proposition wouldn't necessarily affect his dispensary business because most dispensaries like his are nonprofit, ran by a "collective process."

"We pay our clients who have the option to grow marijuana (collectively) to distribute it to

those who need it, it's a free for all," he said.

Why not vote?

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., stated in an e-mail, "It is a poorly constructed initiative that will cause harm to Californians on our roadways and in our schools, workplaces and communities."

"California will not see a single positive result if Proposition 19 passes."

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is also opposed to the proposition, according to the No On Prop. 19 website.

Both gubernatorial candidates Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman, as well as Boxer's opponent, Carly Fiorina, oppose the proposition, according to No On Prop. 19 website.

According to Firedoglake, within the 53 members of California's House of Representatives only three Democrats, Reps. George Miller, Barbara Lee and Pete Stark, have publicly stated that they will vote to legalize the proposition.

Major groups such as the California State Association of Counties, Sacramento Metro Chamber, National Association of Drug Court Professionals and National Organization of Black Law Enforcement all oppose Proposition 19, according to the No On Prop. 19 website.

Ryan Kwok, a junior kinesiology major, said he opposed the use of controlled substances on the road, but it is OK for personal and medicinal purposes.

"Anybody that is intoxicated with drugs, either medicated or not, shouldn't be on the road," Kwok said.

Kayla Martinez, a junior health science major, said she thinks marijuana is going to make drivers more relaxed, carefree and inattentive to street signs, but since the drug affects people in different ways, some people may use it to enhance their driving skills and make them more aware.

Facebook says

Social network Facebook has played a large role in the movement against the proposition by removing campaign ads in favor of Proposition 19, seen as unfavorable to its image in advertising, Colbert said.

According to a story by the Huffington Post, "Andrew Noyes, a spokesman for Facebook, said the problem was the pot leaf. 'It would be fine to note that you were informed by Facebook that the image in question was no long(er) acceptable for use in Facebook ads."

"'The image of a pot leaf is classified with all smoking products and therefore is not acceptable under our policies,' he told the group in an email, which was provided to HuffPost."

Campus views

On campus, there have also been varying views regarding Proposition 19.

Political science Professor Terry Christensen said he hadn't decided when he'll take a stance.

"I'm usually not public about it because I try to be a political scientist and be objective," he said.

"I'll probably vote yes, but I need to think about it some more," Christensen said.

Brianna Amian, a junior child development major and SJSU women's volleyball player, said she would vote this time because she was too busy the last election and forgot to vote.

"Yeah, I just think it's more of like everybody should feel free to smoke whenever they want," Amian said. "Smoking cigarettes is legal ... and it's kind of the same thing."

Christensen said some businesses are bound to be opposed to it. "They think it will affect workers, and there are people who are worried about people driving when they're high, which people do anyway," he said.

Passage of Proposition 19 might have some impact on campus, Christensen said. In any case, he said students should be concentrating on their classes.

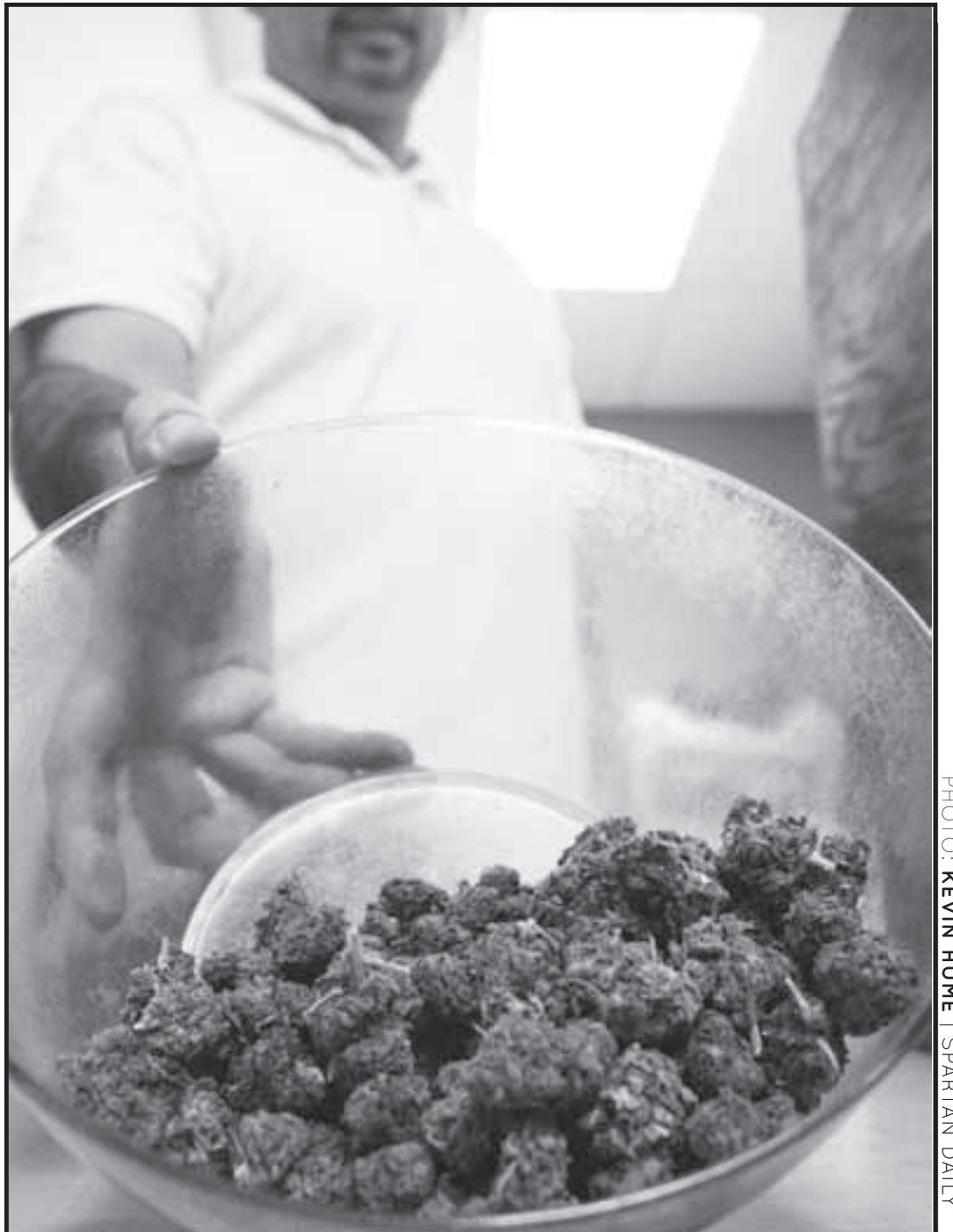
Undeclared freshman Karina Reynoso said she thinks it'll depend on the person and on how much they can consume.

"Overall, if they can go through the classroom without any problems then it shouldn't affect the classroom environment," she said. "However, if they can't concentrate and make other people not concentrate then the professor will maybe not like the idea of it."

Detective Sgt. Manuel Aguayo said the University Police Department would do everything it can to make things safe for students and faculty and staff members on campus by providing drug and alcohol abuse prevention and education.

At the same time, the department's goal is to ensure that all laws are enforced on campus, he said.

If Proposition 19 passes, Aguayo said, it would introduce another substance into the



David Genovese, owner of the San Jose Patients Group medical marijuana dispensary, shows off a bowl of different strains of marijuana.

PHOTO: KEVIN HUME | SPARTAN DAILY

campus community, the effects of which would be similar to those of alcohol use and possession on campus.

UPD has taken no stand on the measure, he said, but if it passes, UPD will enforce the law accordingly.

Deanna Rivas, a senior behavioral science major, said she hasn't decided where she stands on the subject.

A positive is that it would bring in revenue that the state needs right now, Rivas said, but she doesn't really know of any consequences that would be caused from its passage.

She said a lot of young people will probably vote in November, like in the last presidential election.

"There's definitely going to be a lot of pot-heads coming out," Rivas said.

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BY: CALLI PEREZ

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CALIFORNIA'S \$100 MARIJUANA FINE?

DAN PEDEMONTE



Senior Environmental Science

I think that if we legalize marijuana, we could greatly benefit from the revenue it would bring from taxes and it would also bring agricultural jobs to California.

ALICE WANG



Junior Child Development

I think that the fine on marijuana is actually a good thing, because that way it will create more space in the prisons and there won't be overcrowding.

ARNOLD BAGET



Senior Computer Engineering

I think it is not that bad to have a fine, because it is not a burden to our law enforcement and it is a good slap on the wrist for those who possess marijuana.

EMILY SANCHEZ



Senior Kinesiology

If you do not get a misdemeanor and just pay a \$100 fine, then people will be more open to trying marijuana in California.

DOUGLAS MACK



Junior Spanish

I think the state probably has other claims that are more important than marijuana. If they were to legalize it ... I think it is a good idea to decriminalize it actually.

JOHN TSO



Freshman Hospitality

I will be voting "No" in November because I think it should be legalized without government control and taxing and without any commercial spending.

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Robert Plant rambles on home with 'Band of Joy'

REVIEW 4/5



SALMAN HAQQI
A&E Editor

Robert Plant has made an art form of bewildering those who consider themselves the gatekeepers of taste.

For the past 25 years, the former Led Zeppelin frontman and original golden god has had a career entirely contrary to what anyone would've expected in the years after Zeppelin's demise.

It started with an album of '50s rock 'n' roll covers as the Honeydrippers. Then came the literally indescribable outfit Shaken 'N Stirred — an amalgam of discordant world beats and synth splashes.

The '80s were undoubtedly a period best forgotten in musical terms, but singing a song called, "Doo Doo a Do Do" over waves of atonal synth and floundering bass lines wasn't anything anyone would have imagined on Plant's resume.

In the mid '90s, he threw the Zeppelin fans a bone, partnering with guitarist Jimmy Page for the live album "No Quarter," fueling the rumors of the ever-elusive Zeppelin reunion that went a-begging.

There were obscure stints with bands such as Dudley Zoo and Priory of Brion, and then forming the mildly successful outfit Strange Sensation.

But it all came together on his 2007 Grammy award-winning "Raising Sand."

Partnering with bluegrass songbird Alison Krauss, Plant found what two decades of solo records had not brought him — home.

His latest effort, "Band of Joy," released Sept. 14, continues in the same vein as "Raising Sand" but at the same time charts new sonic territory.

In essence the album is an exercise in sublime subtlety and exquisite taste.

Named after Plant's first band with late friend and Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham, "Band of Joy" starts where "Raising Sand" left off.

Enlisting the dulcet tones



PHOTO COURTESY: ROBERTPLANT.COM

Robert Plant's ninth studio album, "Band of Joy," was released on Sept. 14.

of country singer Patty Griffin and the guitar filigrees of seasoned axeman Buddy Miller, Plant clearly knows the value of surrounding himself with talent.

The album, largely a collection of classic R&B folk tunes,

“In essence the album is an exercise in sublime subtlety and exquisite taste.”

opens with a cover of Los Lobos' joyful "Angel Dance."

The track fuses a dirty pulsating guitar with the delicate plucking of a mandolin, making for a fitting opening number.

On "House of Cards," a cover of Richard Thompson's 1978 folk rocker, a gritty guitar track counters Plant and Griffin's harmonies and it's hard not to sense the ghost of Zeppelin floating somewhere in the ether.

What's most stunning about this album is Plant's evolution as a vocalist.

We can all recall Plant's heyday as a shrieking, orgasmic blues-hound but it's his

metamorphosis into a warmer, more reflective folk and country singer that makes this album.

From being the idealistic rebel of his youth, Plant has become the serene elder statesman of rock 'n' roll.

Midway through the album are covers of Mormon indie trio Low's "Silver Rider" and "Monkey," on which Plant channels his haunting best.

His low-end vocal inflections meld with Griffin's higher harmonies, while the droning guitar foreshadows the suicidal impulses of the lyrics.

"Oh take me with you / You silver rider," Plant sings. "Sometimes your voice is not enough."

The album closes with traditional gospel tunes "Satan Your Kingdom Must Come Down" and "Even This Shall Pass Away" and tackle religious themes, although in a more universal context.

It's almost as if they're telling the story of a gunslinger in a shootout with the devil, praying to Jesus for cover.

In many ways the album seems to hold its secrets close to its chest, preferring the allure of mystery and wanting our imaginations to run wild.

Although there's a certain incoherence to the album, it seems to be by design, for as in love, art and rock 'n' roll, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

And on "Band of Joy," Plant accomplishes that with aplomb.

Philz's iced coffee, a perfect afternoon tonic

DRINK OF THE WEEK



MICHIKO FULLER
Staff Writer

It's midterm season, so it's time to bring on the gallons of caffeine and marathon study sessions.

The recent heat wave hasn't added to the delight of cradling your coffee mug as you speed read textbooks that should have been studied weeks ago.

I find myself unable to handle steaming hot espressos when the sunlight is threatening to burn through my skin.

The alternative is iced coffee and Philz has the simplest, sweetest refreshment available to students in need of caffeine.

When I walked into the shop's lobby, I felt invigorated by the smell of freshly brewing coffee.

It was also helpful to be in the presence of air conditioning and out of the blinding sunlight.

As I approached the bar, the barista smiled and asked for my order.

"Large iced coffee," I said. "Sweet, with cream."

No further questions needed, my coffee was prepared as I paid a remarkably affordable \$3.25 to a cashier who danced while my debit card was processed.

Then, just as I sank into the plush couch to admire the work of local artists displayed on the walls, my order was ready.

The humble cup was sitting uncapped on the counter, which for someone who is barely eye-level to most shelves, seemed like the altar of the coffee gods.

Once I picked it up and looked down on it, the beverage didn't seem like much.

A nut-brown color generously iced in an impersonal travel cup, I grabbed a cap and decided to take it to school with me.

I stepped outside just as I took the first sip and suddenly the sun didn't hazard third-degree burns anymore.

It was the most delicious cup of iced coffee I've ever had.

I think the Beach Boys' "Wouldn't It Be Nice?" started playing my head as I continued down Paseo de San Antonio, smiling at sleeping homeless people and yielding to other pedestrians for once.

My attitude before noon can be a bit combative and my roommates have voted me the worst morning person they have ever met, so when I say the ice cubes rocking in my coffee cup sounded like church bells, I mean it.

The caffeine hit my system and all I could focus on were the perfectly balanced flavors of cream, sugar and Philz's blend of coffee.

Philz takes leftover brews and adds them to the same carafe of coffee, changing the body and taste of the mix throughout the day.

This is the mixture used for iced coffee, making each cup slightly different from the last.

Customers can then choose how sweet they would like their beverages to be and whether they want cream.

Personally, I find sweet with cream to be the best remedy for an un-air-conditioned classroom on a hot day.

Be careful not to tell your study group what's in your unassuming cup, because with this coffee, you don't want to share.



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Former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant's solo career has spanned more than 25 years and includes five Grammy awards for the album "Raising Sand."

Spartans cut down Lumberjacks

Northern Arizona University gets jacked twice this week-end by SJSU hockey team

KELSEY HILARIO
Staff Writer

The SJSU hockey club clinched another win Saturday night against Northern Arizona University, pulling ahead in the last five minutes to solidify a 3-2 win against the Lumberjacks.

The game was intense, but the Spartans pulled through to keep their 3-0 record alive.

Junior winger Lathan Logan led the Spartans in scoring and scored the first goal 12 minutes into the first period with an assist from junior winger Robbie Vaughan.

Logan said he was able to capitalize on mistakes made by the Lumberjack defense.

"They were solid defensemen but when we got (the puck) into their zone they couldn't figure out how to get it out," he said.

Four penalties were given to the Spartans in the first period — Salvatore Barranco, Steven Stichler, Alessandro Mullane and Jeff Sawhill all saw time in the penalty box.

Junior winger Sam Cimino kept the momentum strong in the second period, scoring a short-handed goal while freshman center Nicholas Matejovsky was booked for hitting from behind.

"We knew they were going

to come out hard," Cimino said. "They were trying to get the split and we knew it was coming. We knew it was going to be hard hitting."

When the Spartans defense lapsed momentarily, the Lumberjacks came out strong in the third period and tied it up with two quick goals in the first five minutes.

The first point was scored by Nicholas Short on a power play and the second by Alex Dunning.

"We kind of let down in our defensive end, we didn't have very good coverage," Cimino said. "We kind of wanted to buckle down like we were in the first two periods and get that done."

Spartan fans eagerly awaited the game-winning goal, which finally came with five minutes left in the third period.

Logan, assisted by junior center Kyle Dutra and sophomore

defenseman Eric Jones, dominated the Lumberjack defense to score the winning goal.

The Spartans ended up sweeping Northern Arizona University with an 8-5 victory last Friday as well, and are

“... we are going to be focusing and trying to get mentally in our heads that we need to be more disciplined...”

LATHAN LOGAN
Junior winger

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Junior winger Sam Cimino shoots the puck into the goal and scores against the Northern Arizona University Ice Jacks during Saturday's game.

PHOTO: VERNON MCKNIGHT | CONTRIBUTOR

already preparing for their next game.

"Before and after practice, we are going to be focusing and trying to get mentally in our heads that we need to be more disciplined, especially if we want to win nationals," Logan said. "We need to be more disciplined 'cause penalties are what kill you and defensive zone coverage."

After the game head coach Ron Glasow had nothing but positive things to say about his team.

"I think we are really maturing as a team," he said. "I told the guys a year ago, a situation like that we would have had the lead and they

would come back and we'd fold, but the character on this team, we have confidence and it didn't shake them — they just hung in there and never let up."

Both Logan and Glasow

said the Spartans will be focusing on defensive zone coverage during practice in the coming weeks.

The team leaves for a three-day stint on Thursday to Southern California where

they will face CSU Long Beach, Loyola Marymount and San Diego State.

The Spartans will return to the Sharks Ice Rink on Oct. 15 to continue their drive to nationals.



PHOTO: VERNON MCKNIGHT | CONTRIBUTOR

Sophomore defender Salvatore Barranco handles the puck behind the net during Saturday's game against the Northern Arizona University Ice Jacks.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Parking Citation Fine Increase

Effective October 1, 2010, the fines for parking violations on the San Jose State University campus will increase in order to offset an increase in the State surcharge that is withheld from each violation and retained by the State of California. The increased State surcharge is a mandatory collection for the purposes of funding the construction, renovation and lease of State Court and detention facilities throughout the state.

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In response to the Sept. 28 opinion story ‘Bring on the Frankenfish’:

The crisis regarding the salmon decline has greatly impacted California and other Pacific states for years now, as is the case with Sacramento’s floundering salmon population in 2008. A growing world population will require an aggressive plan.

However, there are other means to increase the fish population before resorting to genetically tampering with the food supply.

Farming methods can be set up to breed salmon, allowing them to develop at a natural pace.

Also, more stringent fishing guidelines and stricter enforcement of fishing quota policies may yet allow the salmon population to recover. Simply jumping into genetic engineering as an option is hasty.

While the Food and Drug Administration might indeed need to approve such an idea and the procedures involved, federal observation is sometimes lax.

Unscrupulous corporations and growers may find loopholes and cut corners at the cost of consumer health.

A growing population and dwindling food supply may be a pressing issue, but not at the expense of consumers’ health.

Jack Barnwell

In response to the Sept. 28 opinion story ‘In one ear and out the other’:

As a young mother, I was interested in the article written by Matt Santolla about spanking.

Being the mother of an almost two-year-old is extremely difficult and when you’re caught up in the moment of discipline remembering your values as a parent can be even harder.

I have been scratched, slapped and even bitten, but he is a child and I am the adult.

Spanking him would be validating that hurting a loved one when you aren’t happy is acceptable when it’s not.

Thank you Matt, Dr. Phil and Dr. Laura for reminding me the true value in discipline that doesn’t involve physical contact. Next time my little one acts up I’ll have this article in the back of my mind to help keep me sane.

Jennifer Drago

Letters to the editor



In response to the Sept. 23 news story ‘The New Student Union: Examining the Issues’

Dear California State University Board of Trustees,

I cannot believe that you decided to continue construction of a new student union at San Jose State University.

I cannot believe that all the furloughs and tuition hikes could have been avoided had someone put a foot forward and campaigned to use that money more wisely.

You have approved of \$65 million worth of construction with an estimated completion date of June 2013. That’s after the next Olympics!

What’s worse, the students and teachers who suffered through ridiculous tuition costs and lay-offs will no longer be around by the time construction is complete. Sure, the elaborate design and the sparkling new amenities will probably be beneficial to students and the university as a whole. The real question we need to ask is, was it the right time?

I think your approval to buy bonds to continue building the new facility was not a timely one when you take into consideration the state of the economy and what many thought was a school whose situation was so bad they had to raise tuition.

Firing significant numbers of the university staff and forcing some poor college students to drop out, followed by the construction of a multimillion-dollar facility is a slap in the face to the very people who support this institution.

Marti Malloy

In response to the Sept. 28 opinion story ‘SJSU students compete in Fatlace Classic drifting event’:

I feel (writer, Jordan Liffengren) does a great job at targeting the interests of college students.

Liffengren’s concept is a balance between a risky, yet professional, sport and/or hobby such as drifting.

This interest in a student’s personal life opens up a broad view on the topics offered in the Spartan Daily.

Personally, Liffengren’s given readers like myself a lot of detailed information that will lead us toward becoming skilled drifters.

What I thought was most interesting about the article is this quote: “Maybe in two years, there may be some professional drivers in the field that you see today.”

This gives me hope that if I continue to practice this art, I might become the next North American professional drifter in the Formula Drift.

Judy Lee

In response to the Sept. 28 opinion story ‘Campus drill causes confusion’:

I would like to say as a student and also as an employee who works in the first response industry, the story on the practice evacuation was very refreshing.

We all go to and from our classes and jobs everyday without ever really having a plan in case disaster were to strike and considering how we live in earthquake territory along with the news of the San Bruno gas explosions, it is about time we understand how fully unprepared we are.

It might not have seemed like much, but to have a schoolwide “routine” evacuation drill go unaccording to plan hopefully serves as a reminder to everyone that we need to get prepared for when the unexpected occurs, because eventually it will.

Being a student who was not present at campus for the evacuation drill, it was good to read an article that was eye-opening and served as a reality check.

Stephen Hill

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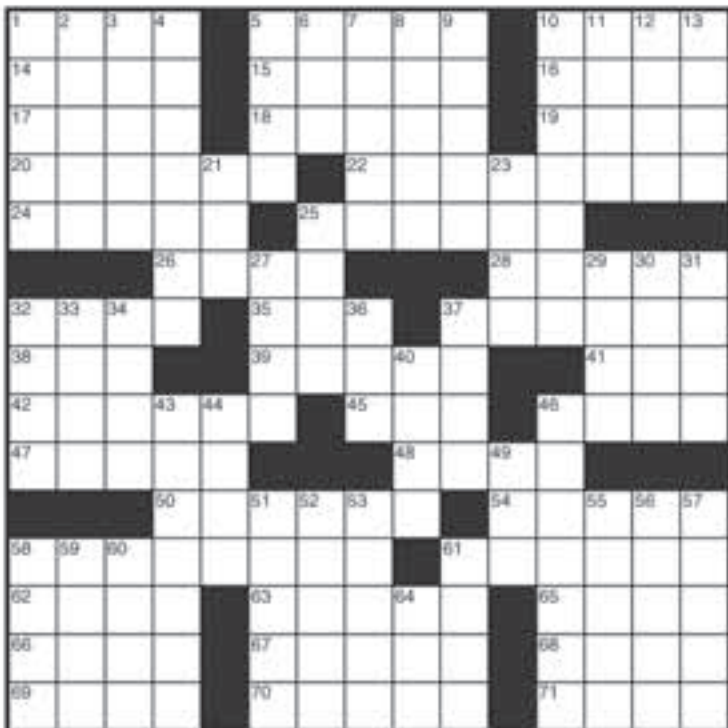
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- City near Syracuse
- Apple-pie pros
- Ocean color
- Screen with blips
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- Slowdown
- Big Dipper neighbor
- “Beowulf,” e.g.
- Surfing mecca
- Lingerie buy (hyph.)
- More crafty
- Calm down (2 wds.)
- 1940s auto
- Started a poker game
- Main idea
- Wiedersehen
- Pulp tree
- Sleep briefly
- Discount chain
- Sequel’s sequel
- Andre of tennis
- Light meal
- Damsel rescuer
- Large volumes
- Popeye’s hi
- Worked with acid
- Brown pigment
- Reneges (2 wds.)
- Conclusion
- Jail —
- Keep occupied
- Got older
- Speckled horse
- Carbonated beverages

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- Prominent
- Language of Pakistan
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- On — (winning)
- False move
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- Astrologers of yore
- Ginger cookie
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- Rover’s pal
- Sidekick
- Munro’s penname
- What never to tell (2 wds.)
- Pirates’ base
- Threesome
- Pesky bug
- “Othello” heavy
- Unwanted e-mail
- Grease
- Egyptian god
- Pored over
- Looking for
- Former JFK arrivals
- Pew adjuncts
- Garcon’s yes



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- Funniness
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Governor’s safety group blocks cell phone ban

Last week the Governors Highway Safety Association decided not to back a proposal from California that would have put a ban on all cell phone use by drivers, including hands-free devices.

Can you hear a big sigh of relief from all California drivers? I know I can.

The nation’s highway safety officials chose not to endorse the ban, feeling that it would be unenforceable.

Spokesman Jonathan Adkins for the safety association, an organization of state highway safety officials, told “The Washington Post” that current laws requiring hands-free devices and outlawing texting while driving have yet to be seen as beneficial, and that adding an even stricter ban would be just as ineffective.

Eight states have banned the use of hand-held cell phones and 30 states have banned text messaging while driving.

The Highway Loss Data Institute, an affiliate of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, conducted research revealing that banning cell phone use in cars has failed to make any difference, let alone reduce the amount of car crashes.

In 2009, 5,474 lives were lost and 448,000 people were injured in distracted driving-related



JEN NOWELL
Staff Writer

crashes across the U.S., according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

No states currently ban all cell phone use while driving, in part because of the theory that hands-free conversations are less distracting for drivers and less likely to cause collisions.

A 2006 study by the University of Utah found talking on a cell phone while driving does in fact diminish a driver’s attentiveness, whether it be a hand-held or a hands-free device.

I agree that drivers are distracted by the personal conversations they have while behind the wheel.

Just the other day, I was driving down Interstate 280 when the car in front of me suddenly went from 65 mph to 45.

I immediately slammed on my brakes in surprise. The driver

slowly gained speed again to 55, but soon went to 50.

When I was finally able to get around her, I looked over and, to no surprise, saw a young girl on her phone. Apparently, her phone conversation was more important than paying attention to the road and the safety of those around her or even her own safety.

I know how distracting phone calls can be.

You get so into your conversation, then suddenly you look up and realize you completely zoned out the last two or three miles you drove or you missed your turnoff.

Since the law was passed last year, I started using a hands-free device when I am behind the wheel. I only wish others would do the same.

A few years ago while driving down El Camino Real in Sunnyvale on my way home from work, the car in front of me was cut off by another driver. He slammed on his brakes to avoid a collision and I did the same, but the guy in the truck behind me was on his cell phone and didn’t see me brake.

He rear-ended me going about 50 mph, totaling all three cars — his, mine and the poor guy in front of me.

I ended up in the hospital with whiplash after the incident. Now anytime someone gets close my

eyes go wide and my palms get sweaty in anticipation of a repeat of that incident. Every time I see someone talking on a cell phone while driving, I think back to that day.

By the number of cell phones I see in drivers’ hands, I agree with the Governors Highway Safety Association’s decision not to back a complete ban on cell phone use. They are correct — it would be unenforceable.

Text messaging is often hidden from view and phones are placed strategically in one’s hand to hide them from the view of other drivers — smaller and smaller cell phones only facilitate this act.

Even now, drivers aren’t paying attention to the current law, so what difference would an even stricter law make?

When the current law was passed last year, police started having to watch out for people who would pull over to the side of the road or highway to make calls. What would happen if an all-out ban were to happen?

The shoulders might become a parking lot for cell phone users.

In our technology-driven society, people need their phones. It’s their quick and easy contact with the rest of the world. Drivers will go to many extremes, no matter the risks, to use their cell phones.

Why to give back

In the beginning, everyone’s dream is to be the absolute best at what they are passionate about. Whether it is a sport, writing, singing, etc., everyone is after that elusive No. 1 position.

But what about once you have achieved that lofty goal? What do you do when you have done everything you dreamed about since you were a kid?

The answer is simple: give back, and I do not mean with money.

Whether you are a sports hero, a legendary writer or an award-winning singer, it is important to offer your knowledge and skills to the next generation of dreamers.

For example, I have been an avid bowler since I was 5 years old, participating in leagues, going to tournaments and watching the professionals on TV.

With bowling, giving back could involve learning how to teach the game and going to a local alley to coach the up-and-coming bowlers. Not only will this improve the kids’ games, but it will also increase their interest in the sport.

You will not only be passing along fundamental skills of bowling, or whatever your field of expertise is, but you will also be sharing the many life lessons you have picked up from your travels. So, for example, when you help coach a kid in bowling, you are mentoring them in the process, helping them grow as well.

Even if you do not feel comfortable enough with the responsibility of teaching a kid how to do something, you can still help out in other ways. In bowling, this could be helping to organize events or working the events.

The kids will benefit from just being around you and getting to know you. Whether you know it or not, they will learn from you, even if you were not intentionally trying to teach them anything.

Lately I experienced first hand how rewarding giving back can be.

I transferred to SJSU from a community college, where I was on the newspaper staff for three semesters. Last Wednesday I made a trip back home to mainly visit with a lot of my good friends that I made while on the paper and socialize.

While there, I happily helped out with the finishing touches of producing the paper, and shared some of the experiences I have had writing for the Spartan Daily.

I commented on things they already practice that four-year schools look for, as well as where the two papers have different philosophies.

Working on the Spartan Daily allowed me to apply some things that I have been made more aware of.

My bowling coach was right when he said that a person only truly understands something once they have taught it.

While this instance might not fully count as really giving back, I think it gave me a better glimpse at the real value of offering your services.

In conclusion, sharing your experiences and knowledge is important because it not only enriches many people’s lives in the present, but ensures a better future.

This is what keeps the world going, a continuation and improvement from generation to generation of skill sets that have helped define the world’s past.

Massachusetts is Raiders fan hell

A year ago, I was living in the heartland of the enemy.

As a fan of the Oakland Raiders, residing in Massachusetts was like hell for me — except I needed a scarf around my neck and a couple of extra sweaters.

Let me explain — eight years ago, the Raiders took on the New England Patriots in the AFC divisional playoff round in what is now known as the “Snow Bowl.”

I distinctly remember that January night in Sacramento, and not because it was Jamie Arenson’s bat mitzvah celebration.

At the party, instead of searching for my Hebrew school crush, I secured myself a space by the hotel bar upstairs.

It was a tough decision, but my heart’s flutters could not compete with watching the snow flurries coming down on the Raiders in Foxborough, Mass. where the Patriots play.

With Oakland leading 13-3 in the fourth quarter, Drew Bledsoe Jr. (aka Tom Brady) drove New England down field for a touchdown. Brady then got the ball again, determined to tie the game. This is when my heart was last seen as a full instrument of feeling.



DANIEL HERBERHOLZ
The Things I Say

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Brady took the snap in a shotgun position, the ground completely white below him. My favorite player — Heisman trophy-winning cornerback Charles Woodson — jumped off the line and raced toward Brady. “Mr. Perfect” looked up the field then turned left, looking for a target by the sideline.

He pump-faked a throw, and before Brady could see it coming, Woodson smashed into him like a slashing wind.

The ball popped out, and linebacker Greg Biekert pounced on it. Raiders ball, game over, right? Nope. Because Brady had pushed the ball in front of him on the pump fake, the Patriots retained the ball after a referee review.

From then on, that game would be known as the “Tuck Rule game” because of the call. My personal favorite, however, is the “Snow Job.”

New England continued down the field, knocking in a field goal at the end of regulation and another in overtime to win the game.

You may be able to tell my frustration by the extensive detail above. If you were at that hotel bar, you could tell the Raider fans’ frustrations by the shards of beer mugs scattered everywhere.

In the fall of 2009, I journeyed across the country on an exchange program to the

University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Like I said, this was a harrowing experience for a Raiders fan. Revealing to anyone the Oakland fandom in me was like sporting a mullet at a 21st-century wedding.

Perhaps the best news I heard while there was that my friend Dan was a Raiders fan. Oh, how we hated on the haters who surrounded us.

Everyone who found out I liked the Raiders did two things: crack a smile and apologize for Oakland’s currently awful state.

One weekday afternoon, my roommates (all Patriots fans) and I were watching an NFL Network special about the greatest games ever played. In the show, players and coaches were interviewed about the games and commented on their effects on the history of football.

The “Snow Bowl” happened to be the spotlight. To my chagrin, the coaches and players all pointed to this game as a crucial point for both franchises involved.

The Patriots went on to win the Super Bowl that year, and did so again in two of following three seasons. Meanwhile, the Raiders traded their head coach (strange, yes) to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers that summer — and then lost to him in the 2003 Super Bowl.

Oakland has not had a winning season since. The program highlighted this fact while all my friends had gigantic grins on their faces. I wrapped my scarf around my head and dove inside my sweater, unable to face the music.

Thank God for the Bay Area.

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PROFILE

Professor serves up justice studies with a side of humor

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Teaching is a whole lot like stand up, said SJSU's very own Aussie professor of justice studies. A former comedian who once opened for Russell Brand, Danielle Harris said she ought to know how to command a classroom full of college kids. "A bunch of hung over students isn't the same as a bunch of drunk people on a Saturday night," Harris said. "But their level of interest is the same. I think it's fantastic if you can teach them something."

Teaching is something Harris definitely has a

knack for, said students from her special topics in law and justice class. Harris keeps things interesting and exciting, and always has the class' attention, said Brett Itatani, a senior justice studies major. "She explains things a lot better than other professors," he said. "When you ask her a question, she'll provide examples and she's really there to help."

Born in Sydney, Australia, she said she was raised by a Scottish father and an Australian mother who met through her dad's radio talk show. She said her mother would listen in to her father's show and fall asleep to his voice every night.

Harris said her dad's celebrity status made for an exciting childhood. "He was always interviewing people like Mel Gibson, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, and getting tickets to every event or game in the city," she said. "It was really fun."

But she said when she was 15 her father passed away after a stroke. "I threw myself into my schoolwork as a kind of rebellion — a safe place to excel," Harris said. "I had absolute control over my grades, and it was all about the effort that I put in."

She said effort was never something she lacked, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in justice studies from Australia's Queensland University of Technology and University of Westminster, London, in 2001.

Harris said she moved to Maryland when she graduated and met her husband David, whom she became engaged to

just three months after they were introduced by a mutual friend. She proceeded to earn her Master's degree in criminology from the University of Maryland in 2004 and finally earned a Ph.D in criminology from Griffith University, Australia, in 2008. "I actually wanted to be a prison officer until I went to a prison," Harris said. "Then I wanted to be a victim therapist until I met the victims. Then I thought about being a coroner, with 'Silence of the Lambs' and all, and I wanted to be a forensic scientist until I went to the morgue."

But after her experience as an exchange student at Westminster, she said she knew exactly what she wanted to do. "[In London] I worked as a residential officer and therapist at a sex offender clinic," Harris said. "I co-facilitated their group therapy and met with them one on one. I would take them to the doctor and on trips and whatnot."

She said the things she experienced there were not pretty. "We were confronted by some pretty horrible things that people had done," Harris said. "I chose comedy to deal with that."

She said the reality of the issues she dealt with were so harsh sometimes that she needed to lighten the mood in order to simply keep pushing forward. "She's very down-to-earth and funny, even when touching on the uncomfortable subjects we have to address," said Edzann Forteza, a senior justice studies major.

Her humor is the best part about her, said Jonathan Lagman, a senior justice studies major. Laughing is the only way to stay sane amid the craziness, Harris said.

CONSTRUCTION

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The welcome center will be where people meet and check in for future campus tours and a space that is provided for incoming students to meet with student outreach and recruitment representatives, Gonzales said.

SJSU's website has provided a virtual tour featuring a photo gallery, 360-degree views of campus dorms and live media streaming for people who cannot come to campus and experience the real thing.

Freshman biology major Chelsea Pandes said she was never able to utilize the old welcome center before enrolling at SJSU, and that the only information she received was from her freshman orientation.

"The new center should advertise more for incoming freshmen so that they know where it is located," she said. Gonzales said she hopes the move will allow the Student Services Center to truly become a one-stop shop for students, especially to those who are new to campus.

In fact, she said she gives a warning about the content of the classes she teaches at the beginning of each semester. "I teach sexual injustice and family violence," Harris said. "In a class of 60 people, 30 of them will have some experience with abuse. It's that rampant. "They've either experienced it themselves, known someone or witnessed it with a friend or a family member. We have to make sure that we're very respectful of that."

Nikki Gutierrez, the justice studies resource analyst at SJSU, said just a quick one liner from Harris can turn a horrible day around.

Harris is best known for her typical Australian sarcasm by students and staff alike, Gutierrez said. "She's one of the most pleasant faculty members in our department," said Gilbert Villareal, the justice studies department coordinator. "She has an upbeat demeanor and attitude. She's very funny."

If students could take anything away from her class, Harris said it would be that they learn how to challenge themselves as well as be confident and comfortable in communicating their arguments. "When I make them laugh, it's an added bonus," she said. "I get to teach them something I'm passionate about and that makes it more gratifying."



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Justice studies professor Danielle Harris was formerly a comedian and currently teaches classes on sexual injustices and family violence.

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